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"Echo I" 4c Stamp In Purple

East German Set For Railway Anniversary

East Germany has announced the December 5 first day of a set of three values to mark the 125th anniversary of German railways. One value will show a rail and ferry station; the other two, trains.



The 10 pfennigs green and slate gray will feature a modern double-deck streamlined coach on the "Express of Young Socialists", with the top red and slate gray showing the Sassnitz Harbor combined rail and ferry facility. It depicts a train boarding the ferry "Sassnitz".

The limited issue high value, 25pf. blue and slate gray, shows the 1835 locomotive "Adler" standing beside the "V180" diesel engine of the most modern type, with a string of double-deck coaches at the rear.

The designs were created by Dietrich Dorfstecher of Glienicker, with offset printing done on the usual quatrefoils wmk paper by the VEB Deutsche Wertpapierdruckerei, Leipzig. Official FDC's planned.

South Africa Cents Values February 14

The South African post office has announced the decimal set with values in cents to be issued February 14 will include nine of the existing Animals designs and four of the present commemoratives.

The projected complete new issue in new designs will appear only after the republic has been proclaimed, and that will not take place before May 31, 1961.

It does not follow that the complete new issue will appear on that date, or that the republic will be proclaimed on that date. The probabilities are however, that both events will take place on May 31, 1961, according to the Robertson Stamp Co., Box 5826, Johannesburg, South Africa.



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ECHO I AND A PORTION OF THE GLOBE, connected by rebounding radio waves, are featured on the 4c purple stamp to be issued in Washington, D. C. December 15 to note the world's first communications satellite. The design is based on a drawing by Ervine Metzl, with engraving by Charles R. Brooks (vignette) and Howard F. Sharpless (lettering and numeral). Printing will be the usual 120,000,000 copies in panes of 50.

Rascals, Riot, Reaction Mark Lebanon's Third Refugee Set FD; One-Dealer Crusade Rises

Bruce Conde

November 7, just before America's "big event" of the year, was supposed to be a red letter day for Beirut philatelists; instead, it turned out to be a riot.

Lebanon's reprinted World Refugee Year (100,000 total, of which 50,000 went to the UN and 22,000 were presumably sold in Lebanon, leaving 28,000 remainders) was to be issued on this day in overprinted form as a semipostal set, for the benefit of refugees in Lebanon.

As an issue of 28,000 semipostal sets, it being understood that the general public would not buy any appreciable quantities such as is the case with ordinary commemoratives, it was supposed that the quantity issued would be sufficient to fill normal export and internal dealers' needs. The regular dealers had submitted their requests for ample supplies to meet standing orders, chiefly from the United States.

To their great surprise, only 8000 sets were so allocated — not enough to fill even half of the orders on hand — and 20,000 sets remained in the post office for the postal officials to "distribute" according to certain peculiar ideas of their own.

To begin with, philatelists were supposed to be allowed to purchase three or four sets for their own

collections. This involved the painful process of waiting interminably in line in front of an official's office to get a "permit" to make the small purchase at face, and then waiting another similar period in front of another office where the stamps were dished out to them as though they were part of the crown jewels.



But this was not enough. A band
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The 4c Echo I "Communications For Peace" stamp, to be first placed on sale in Washington, D. C. on December 15, will feature the balloon-like communications satellite in orbit with a part of the earth in the lower left portion of the design, according to Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.

Radio waves to and from Echo I are denoted by arced lines, and a single star is shown in the upper central portion of the design. Across the top of the stamp, in white Gothic lettering, is the wording "Communications For Peace", and at the right "Echo I". The additional inscription "U.S. Postage" and the denomination "4c" appear to the bottom right.

There will be 120,000,000 of these stamps printed in purple on the Cottrell presses, electric-eye perforated. This stamp — the 46th of the year — which will measure 0.84 by 1.44 inches, arranged horizontally, was based on a drawing by Ervine Metzl of New York. The vignette was engraved by Charles A. Brooks and the lettering and numeral by Howard F. Sharpless.

Collectors desiring first day cancellations may send addressed envelopes to the postmaster, Washington 13, D. C., with remittances to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. Each envelope must be marked, in pencil, in the upper right corner indicating the number of stamps to be affixed (singles, pairs, blocks, or otherwise).

An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either turned in or sealed. The outside envelope to the postmaster, Washington 13, D. C., should be clearly marked "First Day Covers 4c Echo I".

Collectors are cautioned to send these covers separately. Any orders containing requests for other issues will be returned unserviced by the postmaster. Collectors are also cautioned that orders for first day covers must not include requests for uncanceled stamps.

The 4c Mahatma Gandhi "Champion of Liberty" stamp, will be printed in the same shade of orange as in the flag of India, and not in blue as previously noted. The 4c and 8c Gandhi duo will be initially placed on sale January 26 at Washington (13), D. C.

Charles R. Chickering of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing modeled the 4c Range Conservation stamp, based on the design by Rudolph Wendelin of the Department

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of Agriculture. The vignette was engraved by Matthew D. Fenton and the lettering and numeral by George L. Huber. This stamp will be released February 2 at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Two die hubs are being used by Washington, D. C. from December 1 through January 31, 1961 with the wording "WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING JANUARY 9 - 12, 1961".

New "Peace Through Stamps" Cover Offer

The use of stamps as a propaganda medium has long been favored by many factions, prominent among them being the communist distribution of canceled-to-order material in the Afro-Asian areas. In opposition to this is, of course, is our own "Stamp Out Communism" program operating from New York.

Now reported from Alexandria, Egypt is yet another organization which employs philately in its "Philatelic Crusade for Peace" endeavors. Headed by Constantin St. Tsirimonis, it offers to send an interesting "Rainbow of Peace through Stamps" cover to anyone requesting same.

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November 21, 1960

Dear Mr. Rueth:

Since writing the letter which appeared under your "Vox Pop" heading in the current issue of Linn's, I have obtained further information which leads me to believe that Mr. Finbar Kenney's explanation of the UN souvenir sheet situation was sincere and (in fact) well reasoned.

Before my letter was published, I had been shown evidence that the Stolow firm did indeed deliver the souvenir sheet to its regular new issue customers at 15% above face value, in quantities based on customers' regular purchases of UN material.

Also it is my understanding that a phrase was omitted from Mr. Kenney's dictated letter, so that his sentence to which I particularly objected should have read: "There is no way that anyone can control philatelic speculation, once a fixed quantity is announced, other than restricting sales." The italicized phrase gives validity to the rest of the sentence.

I regret that part of my argument was based on faulty information that I had received. You are at liberty to print all or any part of this letter if you wish.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Henry Howland

(*The issue referred to is that of November 21.)

Linn's regrets the publication of material which Mr. Howland now admits was in error. Any statement in the former article, which may have been considered damaging, is hereby publicly retracted.

—The Editor

Pan Am Jets To Mexico, Panama

Jet service to Mexico City and Guatemala City will be begun by Pan American World Airways from Houston, Texas on or about December 12, and from San Francisco and Los Angeles to Guatemala and Panama the next day, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has announced.

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Mrs. Callahan's "Trees" At Gotham ATA Meeting

The New York Chapter of the American Topical Assn. will hold its monthly meeting December 9 at 8 p.m. at the Railroad YMCA, 224 E. 47th St., New York.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Mrs. Lydia Callahan who will show her award-winning "Trees on Stamps". Guests are most welcome. Further details from Mrs. Dorothy Perrin, 1598 Third Ave., New York 28, N.Y.

Scandinavian Area Philatelic Activity

Axel Miltander
Bevaringsgatan 11
Gothenburg, Sweden

Recently there came a knock at my door. I opened it and met a charming lady. "My name is Betty Meta Schlichting from New York," she said. "I am in Gothenburg for just a short visit. Many thanks for the prize."

"Which prize?" I queried.

"I won one of the five prizes in the contest held by Goteborgs-Posten in Linn's Weekly last season," she explained.

Miss Schlichting is working for Eastern Airlines. She had a vacation of ten days and felt it would be a good idea to take a trip to Sweden, even if the weather was the fall rainy sort. The prize in the contest gave her the idea of visiting Scandinavia. She had never been here before.

Don't say that philately is an unimportant factor in one's life! A prize in a contest, a trip to another part of the world, international understanding — and what more?

"I feel that I am at home in Sweden, feel it after this short time. So I am planning to return to Scandinavia next year for a longer vacation," Miss Schlichting said.

We discussed philately. I learned that a huge percentage of all collectors in the States reads Linn's, and that lectures often are held in clubs over there. I also understood that the interest in Scandinavian stamps is growing rapidly. I know this also by another prominent fact — U.S. collectors are ordering old stamps from our Philatelic Agency in big lots. Result: many of them have been sold out. Result again: prices increase.

Here I have another human story, in the form of a letter from James

Edwin Lee in Wellesley, Mass. He said:

"To my surprise I found in a recent column the name of an old friend of mine, Ed Ward of Scarsdale: He and I were active members of a stamp club in Plainfield, N.J. about 20 years ago. Needless to say I wrote him immediately.

"About a year ago I took a dollar ad in the Goteborgs-Posten looking for collectors to trade stamps with, and got twelve replies.

"Out of the lot I have made about five really good friends, including a young lady in Norway who takes a lot of trouble with my wants. In turn I am trying to fill in some of those blank spaces in her U.S. collection."

It is exciting to feel that you live in one part of the world and are the means for a meeting of two old friends in other parts of it. Again — such a wonderful hobby!

"I do not collect stamps, will never do it. But read Linn's weekly every week just because of your reports from Scandinavia. I have heard about them in our Wasa-club," wrote another correspondent.

Such a good idea again! People outside our hobby mostly think that stamps only are paper, watermarks and perforations. When they begin to read philatelic papers they discover the big mistake they have made. Stamps are much more a matter of history, art, geography, human life than of mere perforations and watermarks, don't you agree?

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Promoting Stamps Among Youth

A recent letter from Mr. Manfred R. Lehmann brought with it the front page of a magazine titled "Junior Scholastic". It pictures seven stamps from countries of which Mr. Lehmann has the philatelic agency and whose sale he is promoting. The magazine is one that has a tremendous circulation in the high schools of America.



GEORGE W. LINN

and teachers. It would be a happy day for the hobby when all forces interested in philately, not the least Philatelic Editors, embark on such a positive crusade, rather than practice destructive self-criticism."

I agree fully with everything Mr. Lehmann says in the above paragraph, with the single exception which I think is aimed at me, where he says in the last three words of the paragraph "destructive self-criticism."

We did speak highly of the stamp stories in the Post and in LIFE magazine. We have in the past referred to with approval, articles in many different trade magazines, none of which however were in any manner associated with or concerned with promoting the sale of any stamps. There is a plan behind Mr. Lehmann's promotion through Junior Scholastic and that plan has to do with increasing the sale of stamps, primarily those for the agencies he represents. We can not blame him for this as that is his business. He is a very alert operator. In fact he has picked out a field that has made him more money than any other stamp dealer in the world. For that is just what he is, a stamp dealer and a very smart one at that.

However we are of the opinion that he lacks all the qualities of a true philatelist who loves the hobby and likes to see it kept clean. Not that we would ever think of stating that Mr. Lehmann has done anything of a dishonest nature. He has, we believed, practiced business methods common in the stamp world, that have been undesirable.

Our objections to such methods have been due of a strong belief that there are plenty of good clean stamps in the world to provide stock in trade for all the dealers, without manufacturing more material for the sole purpose of selling it to collectors. Each year thousands of youngsters come of age where they get interested in stamps. They know nothing about the dangers and pitfalls of the hobby. Many are led along lines that cause them to give it up after a brief span of collecting.

Every once in a while some collector gets a real thrill in making a real find. At the Florex 1960 show in Leesburg, Fla. on November 4, 5, 6, a Mr. Lee of New Jersey showed a used copy of the Canada-United States Seaway stamp with inverted center. This stamp was found by a collector in a lot of so-called Mission Mixture. From the present knowledge regarding the number of these stamps in existence, this stamp will rank near the top in world rarities. It is an absolutely legitimate find and as such can not be condemned.

However when it comes to printing a batch of souvenir sheets, any man interested in the project can get a fair estimate as to how many can be sold at a fair price. A fair price will depend on the face value of the sheet. If of low value, double face could be right. If of high value, 25 to 50% over face should be plenty to cover sales, cost, etc.

But when such sheets come into the market in short supply and are obtainable only at ten to twenty times face value we believe that those guilty of putting such things in the market should be condemned for doing so. We also believe that when a country issues stamps solely to make a quick buck by selling to collectors that it is an improper way to do business. We know of course that such practices have been common among many countries even before Mr. Lehmann got into the act.

We do not believe that our objections to such acts are "destructive". Apparently other publishers do for we have yet to see any of them condemn such practices. We have had hundreds of letters in the past year highly praising our lone effort to bring cleanliness to the stamp trade.

Mr. Lehmann is not alone in the offense we dislike, for the latest act of this nature has come from the United Nations. A 12c sheet was sold out in a few days and greedy dealers who got a pile of them are asking up to \$2.50 each. It is this kind of stamp dealing and stamp making and issuing that is very harmful for the hobby and should be condemned by every publisher and by every stamp society in the nation.

United Nations was highly over exploited a couple years ago and did suffer from such exploitation. It was slowly coming back in favor, but acts such as this will not help in gaining the good faith of collectors.

A late letter from one quite large dealer stated that he ordered and paid for 1500 of the sheets and that the order was filled by sending him just 20 (twenty) sheets. Who got them???

Stamp Dealer Dies Of Coronary Seizure

James Hoffman, age 55, expired in his sleep early November 21 as the result of a coronary attack. He was the proprietor of the Colonial Stamp Shop, Saugerties, N. Y. and for 45 years in the stamp business. He was a member of the Ft.

Orange Stamp Club, Albany, N. Y. and the Dutchess Philatelic Society, Poughkeepsie. He specialized in Ulster County covers.

Burial was at Saugerties on November 23. It is understood that business operations will be continued as in the past. Customers are requested to allow a few days grace in handling standing orders.

SMILEATELICS . . . Bob Rieker



"I think every man should think for himself in buying stamps . . . however a little high-pressure selling doesn't hurt!"

1960 STAMP PROGRAM

Dec. 6 — John Foster Dulles 4c, Washington 13, D. C. (70 per pane, 120,000,000).

Dec. 15 — Echo I Satellite 4c, Washington 13, D.C. (Horizontal, 50 per pane, 120,000,000).

Jan. 11, 1961 — American Credo, Patrick Henry 4c, Richmond 19, Va. (50 per pane, 120,000,000).

Jan. 26 — Mahatma Gandhi Champion of Liberty 4c and 8c, Washington 13, D. C. (4c—70 per pane, 120,000,000; 8c—72 per pane, 40,000,000).

ALREADY ISSUED

1139 — George Washington Credo 4c, Mt. Vernon, Va., January 20.

1145 — Boy Scouts Golden Jubilee 4c, Washington, D. C. February 8.

1146 Winter Olympic Games 4c, Tahoe City, Calif. February 18.

1147-48 — Masaryk "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C. March 7.

1140 — Benjamin Franklin Credo 4c, Philadelphia, Pa., March 31.

1149 — World Refugee Year 4c, Washington, D. C., April 7.

1150 — Water Conservation 4c, Washington, D. C., April 18.

C59 — Airmail regular 25c, San Francisco, Calif., April 22.

1141 — Thomas Jefferson Credo 4c, Charlottesville, Va., May 18.

U542 — 2½¢ stamped envelope, Chicago, Ill., May 28.

1151 — SEATO 4c, Washington, D. C., May 31.

1152 — American Woman 4c, Washington, D. C., June 2.

C57 — Airmail regular 10c, Miami, Fla., June 10.

1031A — 1½¢ Liberty regular, Santa Fe, N. M., June 17.

1054A — 1½¢ Liberty coil, Santa Fe, N. M., June 17.

UXC3 — 5c Airmail postal card new design, Minneapolis, Minn., June 18.

U541 — 1½¢ stamped envelope, Birmingham Ala., June 25.

1153 — 50-Star Flag 4c, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 4.

1154 — Pony Express 4c, Sacramento, Calif., July 19.

U543 — Pony Express 4c stamped envelope, St. Louis, Mo., July 19.

C60 — Airmail regular 7c red, Arlington, Va., August 12.

UC34 — Airmail envelope 7c red, Portland, Ore., August 18.

C60a — Airmail booklet 7c red, St. Louis, Mo., August 19.

1155 — Physically Handicapped 4c, New York, N. Y., August 28.

1156 — World Forestry Congress 4c, Seattle, Wash., August 29.

1142 — Francis Scott Key Credo 4c, Baltimore, Md., September 14.

1157 — Mexican Independence Sesqui 4c, Los Angeles, Calif., September 16.

1158 — Japanese - American Amity 4c, Washington, D. C., September 28.

1159-60 — Paderewski "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C., October 8.

1161 — Robert A. Taft 4c, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 10.

1162 — Automotive Industry 4c, Detroit, Mich., October 15.

1163 — Boys' Clubs of America 4c, New York, N. Y., October 18.

1164 — First Automated Post Office 4c, Providence, R. I., October 20.

C61 — Airmail 7 coil (red), Atlantic City, N. J., October 22.

1165-66 — Mannerheim "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C., October 26.

1167 — Camp Fire Girls 4c, New York, N. Y., November 1.

1168-69 — Garibaldi "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C., November 2.

— Walter F. George 4c, Vienna, Ga., November 5.

1143 — Abraham Lincoln Credo, 4c, New York N. Y., November 19.

— Andrew Carnegie 4c, New York, N. Y., November 25.

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Just returned from the 12th annual American Stamp Dealers' Assn. national postage stamp show in New York City, November 18 to 20. This is the yearly affair held in the 71st Infantry Regiment Armory, Park Ave. and 34th St. Lots of things were going on both on and off the premises.

For the first time I had a camera with me. As a result in our edition of next week there will be pictures pertaining to the show and various social and philatelic events which went hand in hand with it. There are more and more tie-ins each year, so much so in fact that one can spend quite a bit of time picking up news attending them. That I did, in a number of cases.

The weather was gorgeous. Even the thinnest skinned could walk around outside with but a suit coat—it was that warm. Skies were bright and sunshiny during the day, while the evenings were mild and pleasant. This condition should have brought out tremendous, record-breaking crowds, but it didn't. Attendance was several notches below last, and previous years, while many of the dealers holding booths claimed business was not as good as before.

Economically, there seemed to be much sentiment that business of all kinds was on the slow side. However, people were spending heavily for stamps and there seemed to be much money about, which indicates that our hobby is still in a most healthy condition. Nevertheless attendance was down which also meant that gross spending was likewise.

More dealers than ever held booth space this year. Practically all the "old-timers" were there, those firms which have been represented at ASDA Shows of the past. It was good to see them again—one gets to form friendships and pleasant associations over the years—I feel fortunate in having gotten my share of them.

Hottest topic of conversation and controversy was the October 24 souvenir sheet of the United Nations. That is the one which was printed in a quantity of one million and which could have been sold in double that amount and more if the UN Postal Administration had not been influenced to the contrary.

Of course nearly every one with a gripe on the subject felt he should have been able to buy all he wanted of them, a view which I share 100 per cent. Even though the object was speculation and future profit thereby it would have helped the hobby to have gotten some of the fingers burned of these would-be entrepreneurs. They would have learned the "hard way" after trying to peddle hundreds of the sheets if the sale had been strictly unlimited and unrationed.

As it was several large firms were severely criticized, and the UNPA damned roundly, because they were able to obtain at least 20,000 copies of the sheet each, when most other orders were curtailed considerably.

There were also rumors of price-fixing on the sheet, and the agreement to release it in dribbles to the public. Summing up the comments the UNPA is accused of accepting some terribly bad advice, and that some favored few were given advantages to which they were not entitled. As a result the favored few are really making a killing on an item which should have been freely available to all in any quantity for a period of at least three months.

I would urge every one with a bad taste in his mouth on this matter to direct a letter of protest to the "Chief, United Nations Postal Administration, United Nations, N.Y." Don't write to me; I've had my say in print.

1. Two of the Pan-American set of six do not have water in their designs. Name the denominations.

2. Which of the values of the Trans-Mississippi set, up to and including the \$1, do not have animals in their designs?

\$50 Item?
Germany *NB3a, very fine
mint \$24.00
The one the wholesalers want:
why?

OLIVER R. MOWERY
Clarks Summit, Pa.

There were three different cancellations available in New York City

in conjunction with the first day of the Lincoln Credo stamp on November 19. This means official postmarks and not those which might have been gotten from the post office sub-stations and other places permitted to obliterate mail.

At the main post office was the usual with "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE" between the killer bars. At the ASDA Show in the Armory was the legend between the bars of "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE / A.S.D.A. NATIONAL POSTAGE / STAMP SHOW STATION". While the post office set up in the Commodore Hotel used a cancel which read "FIRST DAY / NATIONAL URBAN / LEAGUE STATION".

As far as I know the Urban League Station postmark was a handstamp inasmuch as no cancelling machine was in evidence. It was open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., November 19 only, and consisted of two postal men cancelling mail on card tables on the mezzanine right near a small room with a counter where the Credo stamp was sold.

The Armory station and the GPO applied hand and machine postmarks under the usual regulations. There was a staff at both which did everything possible to meet collectors' needs. The Armory one was jammed all the time even though it had six windows from which to buy stamps, and two where one could get his mail handled. The postal employees know they have had a job after three days ASDA Show duties. They must be commended for their diligent efforts to satisfy all possible requests for stamps and service.

Some collectors are thoughtless in the purchase of stamps. All comments available at the Philatelic Agency in Washington were also in stock at the Armory. Time after time some one would ask for one of each which caused the clerk to spend 50¢ worth of time to sell a dollar's worth of stamps. This caused the lines to become even longer.

I'd suggest to the POD to limit purchase of other than the command of the day to three of the six windows, with the remaining quarter dozen devoted to the new one. They'd have less people sore about the whole thing.

Representing the Post Office Department at the first day ceremonies and the various other events were Assistant to the PMG Rohe Walter, Director of the Division of Philately Franklin Bruns, and Curator of the POD's Philatelic Museum Stanley Hodziewich. Also very much in evidence was Robert E. Fellers former head of the POD's Philatelic Division and now retired from service.

Mr. Walter and Mr. Bruns carried the public relations duties of the Department via speeches and being present for the ceremonies at the Armory and the formal dedication of the stamp at the luncheon at the Hotel Commodore sponsored by the National Urban League.

Souvenir program collectors will be interested to know that the official one for the Armory affair differed from the Urban League Luncheon one in the cancellation given to the affixed stamp. The latter kind are on the scarce side since but enough were made up to give one to each attendee. Further, none were left behind on the tables even though many were not collectors.

Stanley Hodziewich supervised the postal set up and functions as he has for some years past. Under his guidance things of concern to the POD seemed to run quite smoothly.

On display for the first time at an ASDA Show was the Post Office Department's striking, up-to-date exposition of philately and progress. It is said to have been a triumph at the First International Philatelic Congress at Barcelona, Spain last spring, a deserving tribute. It is the first time I have seen it other than in pictures. There is a suggestion to the Department, that being to use the same type arrangements to show some of the scarce material which was brought to New York each year in the past.

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On the social side were some topnotch receptions and get-togethers. Foremost among these was that of Col. and Mrs. Donald P. Sherman (he's in charge of the Armory) who each year invite friends to their suite in the building for refreshments. Here one meets the Who's Who of Philately if they are in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Minkus held a reception for friends and some members of the trade at the Vanderbilt Hotel. This was a well-attended event which provided a meeting place for the many fine friends gained with the yearly visits to New York. The Minkus firm had publicity on hand for its catalogs, albums and other products.

About as international a reception as one could get to was that hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Lehmann. They handle the agencies for a number of the independent nations of Africa stamps and literature of which were set up in several attractive displays. Also on hand to greet collectors were officials of these countries assigned to the United Nations and Consulates.

The usual Saturday evening affair for ASDA members hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Peter G. Keller (he's executive secretary of the organization) provided an excellent opportunity to meet many of the dealers who have provided Linn's readers with merchandise via ads. This is in a most relaxed atmosphere due to the Kellers' ability to be good hosts, and the fact that after twelve hours at the show everyone is too pooped to be otherwise!

There were other friends met and enjoyed who shall have to remain unnamed including the hundreds who drop around for a "hello" at our booth.

The duties at the show are most tiring, what with irregular meal times and being on one's feet almost the full twelve hours per day. It usually takes a week to get over this beating, but I wouldn't want to miss coming to the ASDA Show with its opportunity of meeting so many of the subscribers and dealers who have cooperated with us, on a bet. Next year's show will probably come before I know it—I'm looking forward to its arrival already.

1. The 2c and 4c.
2. The 1c and 5c.

Air Parcel Post Now On Schedule To Nauru

The Post Office Department has announced that air parcel post is now accepted for Nauru Island.

The rate is \$2 for the first four ounces or fraction, plus \$1.27 for each additional 4 oz. or fraction.

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**Notes From
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Definite release dates have been set for two Italian and two Vatican issues. A 30 Lire Caravaggio stamp was to go on sale in Italy November 25 and on December 6 the Vatican will place its two sets on sale simultaneously.

These are 40, 70 and 100L. values in honor of Sts. Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac, and 10, 15 and 70L. Christmas stamps.

Finally, on December 20 Italy will issue its second Stamp Day commem., probably a 20L. item. Barring late developments, this should round off the year's philatelic program for the Italian world.

AMG Discoveries — Meanwhile, two interesting and apparently unchronicled AMG overprints have come to this writer's attention. The 35L. "Naples" overprint, Scott No. 1N11, has been found with the overprint badly misplaced.

One copy shows only the word

"GOVERNO", and that at the very bottom of the stamp. The other shows the words "MILITARE ALLEATO" at the very top of the stamp and "GOVERNO" at the very bottom, with a space between.

Both varieties have been expertized by A. Diana and attested to as genuine.

No Discovery at All! — AMG collectors, incidentally, are warned against paying a premium of any kind for Trieste No. 14 with perforation 14½x13½. This stamp is apparently being offered by unscrupulous or ignorant dealers as a rarity.

Actually, so far as this writer knows, this is the only perforation in which this stamp is to be found with AMG-FTT overprint.

Yes or No? — A recent article by another Linn's columnist denied the story that a heliport is being built within the confines of Vatican City. Authority for the denial is an unnamed "authoritative source".

The original story came from a New York Times story by the very reliable Rome correspondent, Arnaldo Cortesi, with by-line date of August 4.

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November 23 saw the release of the Stamp Day issues of the African provinces. In each of the four territories of Fernando Poo, Rio Muni, Ifni, and Sahara four values appeared: 10c plus 5c, 20c plus 5c, 30c plus 10c, and 50c plus 20c. There are two different designs for Fernando Poo and Ifni, and three each for Rio Muni and Sahara.



On the Fernando Poo set there are whales, one swimming and the other after his capture by the natives. The Sahara stamps reproduce a fennec, a leopard and another animal which appears to be a fox.

The Ifni designs show the Church "Santa Cruz del Mar" and the new school buildings.



The Rio Muni stamps are very different: one shows a bishop giving the benediction, another a monument of the bishop and the third appears to be a picture from the Velazquez brush.

Next year's March 23 Stamp Day set for Spain will be feature reproductions of Greco pictures.

1961 is the 25th anniversary of the nomination of Gen. Franco as the Chief of the State, and it can be presumed that a series will be issued for this event. Rumors are also going that a set of Spanish dances is in course of preparation.

**Colombian Set For
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Sometime between December 10 and 15 Columbia will issue a set of four stamps and one souvenir sheet, in honor of Alfonso Lopez (1886-1959), two-time president of the republic, ambassador to Great Britain and elder statesman.

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India — The Children's Day stamp was released November 14, value 15np, olive green, photogravure printed on watermarked paper. The design symbolizes mental and physical health.

Swaziland — The decimal currency overprints on the current set are in the following denominations: ½c on 2d; 1c on 1d; 2½c on 2d; 2½c on 3d; 4c on 4½d; 5c on 6d; 10c on 1½; 25c on 2½d; 50c on 5½; 1 Rand on 10½; 2R on £1.

In addition, postcards are being overprinted 1½c on 1½d; airletters 5c on 6d; 6d registered envelopes overprinted 5c. (sold for 7½c), and the £5 revenue stamps overprinted 10R.

New pictorial definitives are also in preparation.

Czechoslovakia — The multicolored Flower series was released November 21: 20h. Doronicum Clusii; 30h. Cyclamen Europeum; 40h. Primula Auricula; 60h. Semperivium Mont.; 1Kcs. Gentiana Clusii; 2Kcs. Pulsatilla Slavica. Designs by Karel Svolinsky, engraved by L. Jirka and recess printed in Prague.

France — The December releases comprise: December 5 — Red Cross series, 20c+10c, carved head of the staff of the Brotherhood of St. Martin of Tours, showing the saint sharing his cloak with the beggar; 25c+10c, 16th century wood carving of St. Martin and the beggar in the Church of St. Martin, Oise. Designs and engravings by Piel.

Also for the same date is a single 30c for the 500th anniversary of the College of Ste. Barbe, showing an aerial perspective of the College from a medieval print, and figure of the saint. Designed and engraved by Hertenberger.

December 19 sees two more values in the six-color Birds series — 20c Teals (migratory study) and 45c Wild Ducks (migratory study), both from displays in the Museum de Paris. Designs by Gandon, engraved by Mazelin (20c) and Gandon (45c).

January will produce a new range of definite designs, to replace the current issues. The first will be a small format 20c showing a head of Marianne by Jean Cocteau, engraved by Decaris, against a background of small shields inscribed "RF". It will be recess printed in several colors on new equipment now being installed.

The 1961 program comprises a total of 40 values (details not yet released) including a number of stamps in extra large commemorative size reproducing paintings by French artists. First candidates: Braque, Cezanne, Matisse, Rouault.

Italy — The stamp for November 25 the 350th anniversary of the death of Caravaggio, painter (real name: Michelangelo Merisi or Amerighi) is a 25 Lire orange showing his portrait. The engraving by M. Colombati derives from an original drawing by Ottavio Lioni, in the Marucelliana Library, Florence. Scheduled for issue in December

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are single stamps to mark the visit of President Gronchi to Argentina and Peru, and for Stamp Day 1960, showing a posthorn and mail coach.

Portugal: The Fifth National Philatelic Exhibition, Lisbon, is being noted November 17 by 1 and 3.30 Escudo commemoratives, designed by Sebastiao Rodrigues, showing the arms of Lisbon and a symbolic ship in honor of Prince Henry the Navigator.

San Marino — The four new Landscape values have been postponed until December. The new year will see a set honoring Caravaggio's 350th death anniversary.

Vatican — The 1960 Christmas series will comprise three values, reproducing the "Sacred Family" after the painting by the Dutch artist Gerard v. Honhorst.

Afghanistan — 50 and 75p. values, perf and imperf, have been released for the 15th anniversary of the United Nations.

The designs bring the globe topped by the initials "UN" and the flags of UNO and Afghanistan.

Also released were two more stamps perf. and imperf., for Red Cross Year 1960. The basic design of an ambulance, in values of 50p. + 50p. and 175p. + 50p., has been overprinted with the Red Crescent.

Costa Rica: The series for St. Vincent de Paul was engraved and reprinted by Enschede in values of 10c, St. Louisa de Marillac, and nun playing with children; 25c, St. Vincent de Paul, and old hospital; 50c, St. Louisa and nun tending the sick; 1 Colon, St. Vincent and modern hospital; and 5C, stained glass window depicting St. Vincent de Paul.

South Korea — November 15 saw a 40 hwan orange and brown for the 1960 census. The motif brings pictographs representing housing, population and agriculture. Offset printed from a design by Kang Chhon Whan; 500,000 stamps and 50,000 imperf miniature sheets.

Mexico — A single 1.50P. is in preparation for the National Census, edition four million.

UAR (Palestine) — The 5 mils Egypt definitive has been released with additional inscription "Palestine". The issue of the Refugee Year pair for Egypt, inscribed "Palestine", is expected in December.

Uruguay — A 2c gray has been added to the Artigas portrait definitives. To follow are values of 3, 5, 10, 20, 50c; 1, 2, 3, 4, 10 Pesos.

November 4 brought 5, 10, 38, 50, and 60c commemoratives for the 150th anniversary of the Argentine May Revolution of 1810. The design for all designs brings a scene of revolutionaries in front of a public building.

Venezuela — A set of six (three postage, three airmail) was released for the 94th death anniversary of Dona Luisa Caceres de Arismendi, showing her full-length portrait in upright format.

Six further values were issued for the 140th death anniversary (1959) of General Jose Antonio Azoztegui, showing his portrait, in denominations of: ordinary mail, 5, 15, 20c; airmail, 25, 40, 45c. Production of the foregoing sets by the Berlin Federal Printing Office.

Planned for the first quarter of 1961 is a series for the 1960 National Census: ordinary mail — 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 45, 50c; airmails — 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 75, 80, 90c.

The ordinary mail issue marks the national census, the airmails especially recall the ninth general census and third agricultural census.

December 9 Meeting By New York Airmail Group

The next meeting of the Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club, New York Chapter of the American Air Mail Society, will take place at 8:30 p.m. December 9 at the Wilkie Memorial Bldg., 220 W. 40th St., New York City.

MACC president Harold J. Franklin extends an invitation to all collectors in the Gotham area to visit the club. Meetings are held the second Friday of every month.

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Official UN Souvenir Folder Of '60 Issues

The United Nations Postal Administration has announced that it will make available for sale on December 9 a souvenir folder to which is attached all the stamps (souvenir sheet not included) issued by the United Nations in 1960.

The folder is multicolored, the front cover illustrating in color the UN Buildings and the back cover bearing a photograph of the ornamental stairway on the UN Plaza.

It is there that the quotation appears: "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more". The folder describes each issue in both English and French.

For those who might desire to use the souvenir folder to convey "Season's Greetings", a transparent interleaf with the words "Season's Greetings" in English, French, Spanish, Russian, and Chinese has been



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At a recent election at the Bronx County Stamp Club the following members were elected for the year 1961: president, Max Gold; vice presidents, Mort Morris and Louis Staub; secretary, Isidore Willinger; and treasurer, Fred Yaeger.

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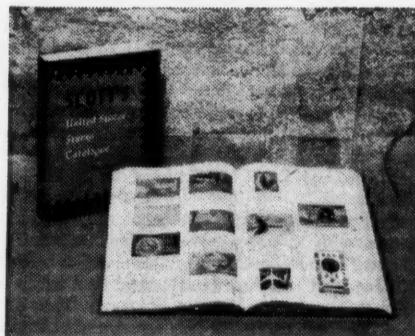
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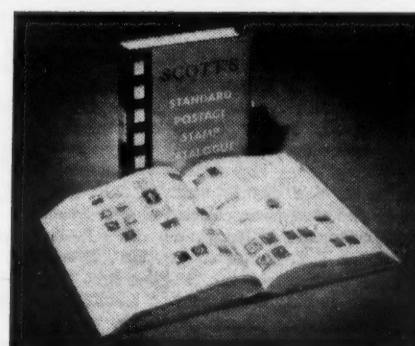
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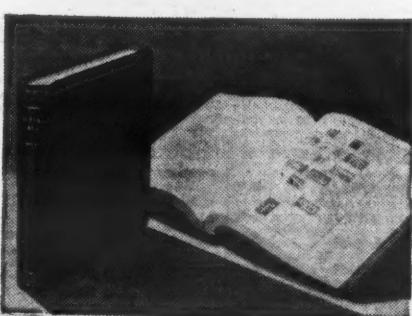
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with double impression were also on
display.

From Leesburg we traveled to St.
Petersburg to research early Florida
postal history. We met many collectors
and historians in both cities and
were hospitably received everywhere.

The Florida folks have any number
of active stamp clubs with varying
numbers of members. Attendance at meetings is good and
several research programs are being
worked out by the more serious
collectors.

During our journey we came across a packaged mildew preventive
which is used to protect collections stored in cabinets, closets and
such places, against dampness and excess humidity. We cannot
vouch for its effectiveness but those using it seem well satisfied.

We examined one mint collection
so protected for many years, and
the stamps were in as good condition
as the day they were bought.

The 1961 edition of Minkus British
Commonwealth catalog is now available.
This cardboard covered volume lists and prices stamps of the
British community countries only. Profusely illustrated and printed
on good paper stock, it contains much pertinent information about
the countries and their various stamp issues.

Many varieties unlisted by other
American catalogs are presented
and separately priced, and the collector
can readily see for himself the relative
scarcity of the variety in comparison with the normal.
This is an important factor when
dealing with some of the perforation
varieties of both 19th and 20th
century British issues.

The usual fine editorial work is
apparent to all serious collectors,
who can take comfort in the fact
that many authoritative collectors
and professionals assisted in the
compilation. The catalog is a philatelic
library "must" — Price \$3,
and well worth it.

Norfolk Island — November 30
saw the withdrawal of the ½d, 1d,
2d, 4d, and 9d stamps of the Ball
Bay design. This brings to eight
the number recently removed from
sale, as the 7d and 8d overprints
and the 5d Post Office commemorative
were so treated October 31.
Better check your albums for missing
items, particularly the over-

prints.

Ghana — As part of its program
of honoring different United Nations
institutions, Ghana will commemorate
Human Rights Day December 10 with the issuance of 3d, 6d
and 1/3 values.

Harrison has done the printing by
multicolored photogravure on Ghana
watermarked paper in sheets of 30
subjects, vertical format, size 29.75
x 40.5mm, perf 14 x 14½ comb.

Papua And New Guinea — Three
more denominations of the permanent
series, — 5d, 8d and 2/5 — appeared
as announced November 10.
The values, made necessary by a
change in postal rates, are similar in
design to those they replace, which
were issued in 1958.

The 5d is the small size showing
the cocoa industry; the other two
are the larger commemorative size.
Mint copies are available from the
Philatelic Sections in Australia.

North Borneo — Waterlow is preparing
a new definitive set of 16 values
for release in January. Designs feature
natives, birds, animals, and flowers,
providing interest to most topical collectors as well as
dyed-in-the-wool British Asia enthusiasts.

The recess process in two colors
is being used on C. A. wmk paper,
size 28 x 35mm perf to perf. The
cent values will be in horizontal and
the dollar values in vertical format.
The two top values of the present
set, which were released February
1, 1957 may develop into fairly good
items, since not too many can have
been sold. Commonwealth Catalogue
lists only one additional printing of
the \$5 and none for the \$10 denomina-
tions — "a word to the wise".

Prince's Olympic Win On New Greek Commem

A single commemorative will be
issued by Greece "in December",
according to P. J. Drossos, 1 St.
Denys Pl., Athens, in tribute to
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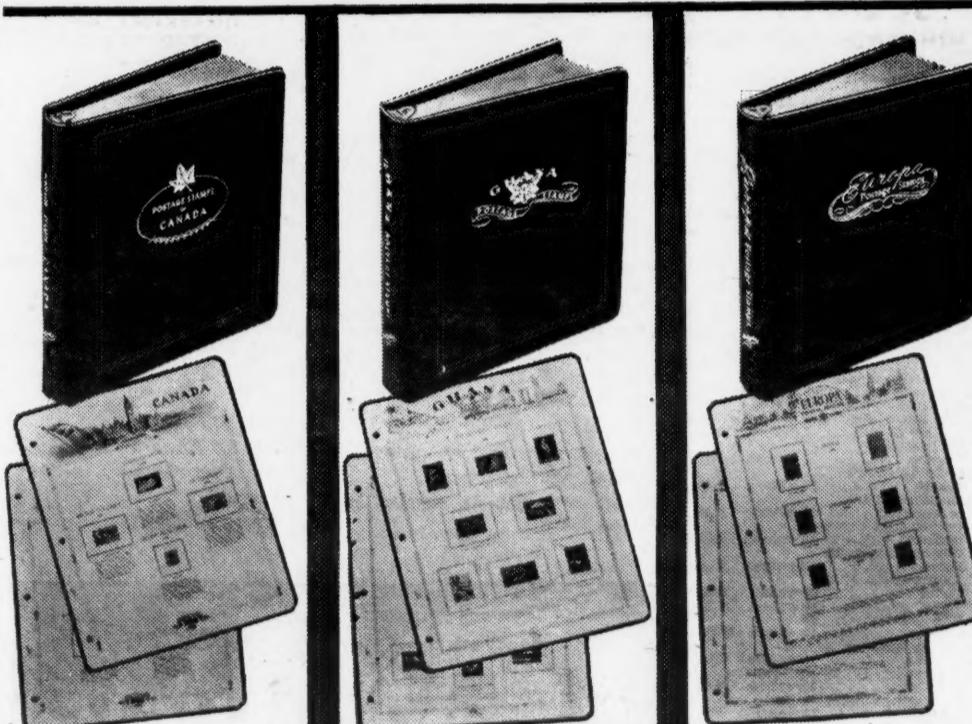
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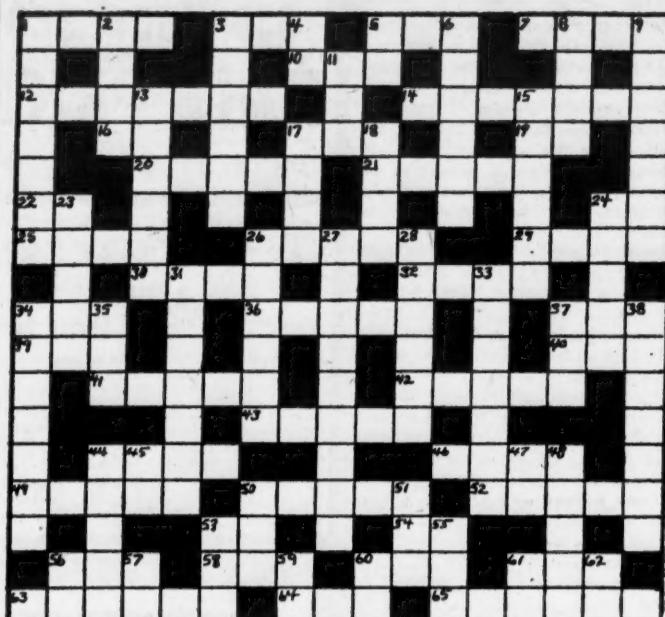
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- Large imperforate issue
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- Citrus skin
- Quotation series
- Street
- Stamp Dealers' Assn. (abbr.)
- Envelope printer
- Anthem composer (Credo)
- Sun, symbol on stamps of this country
- American Topical Assn. (abbr.)
- Monetary value Denmark
- Vehicle on 20c 1925 Special Delivery
- " - - - American" issue 1925
- Perforator
- Contents list
- " - - - Zeppelin" issues 1930
- New independent African state
- Vehicle on 5c Parcel Post
- - - and Medicine Revenues
- Famous American Composer 10c
- Georgia (abbr.)
- South (abbr.)
- Nevada (abbr.)
- Monk y
- Station (abbr.)
- Entire
- Famous American Composer 1c
- Metal printing device
- State overprint on regular issues 1929
- On "Byrd Expedition" issue 1933
- Mr. Truman's initials
- Union Soldiers commem 1949
- Connecticut's Charter - - - issue
- Navy
- Vermont (abbr.)
- Short for Edward
- South East (abbr.)
- An article
- Louisiana (abbr.)

DOWN

- Champion of Liberty (South America)
- Famous American Scientist 2c
- Polksa stamps
- Displaced person (abbr.)
- Ulysses Grant initials
- 1959 Centennial Discovery issue of a metal
- Revenue watermark
- Franked
- On 10c airmail 1926-27
- "Century of Friendship" with U.S. 1948
- 8c International Organization 1955
- Russia
- Cancelled
- "Ohio - - - Canalization" 1929
- British Mediterranean island
- Cover
- British sovereign on Colony issues
- Color 15c Special Delivery 1925
- With Grant and Sheridan on 3c Army commem
- Famous American Scientist 1c
- Champion of Liberty (Hungary)
- Monetary value Japan
- Avenue (abbr.)
- Woman suffragette issue 1936
- "Summer Olympics - - -" 1932
- Rhode Island (abbr.)
- General Electric (abbr.)
- Shapes of present envelope imprints
- On "Byrd Expedition" issue 1933
- Mr. Truman's initials
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INTERNATIONAL
(Continued from page 10)

July 3 and postmarked at Cologne, West Germany used a special cancel on the 225 or so covers and cards on board. This was a flight in conjunction with the "Kolner Klub Fur Luftsport".

On August 3 came a flown item postmarked "Bergeijk" to note the first private filling place in Holland were coke oven gas (fuel) is supplied. Nini Boesman flew the balloon "Utrecht" with about 145 letters or cards on board.

August 17 saw a flight showing Van Maasdijk, famous Dutch pilot of 1910 era, on some 285 cards on board.

Other flights came August 23 and 30 but we shall report on them later. We can further report the group in Holland operates as a non-profit body with proceeds going into the Netherlands Aero Museum. Collectors who desire to contact the group may send us a stamped envelope for further details.

Many readers have written us recently about the issues of Poland. They are today seeking first day covers. Poland issues official first day covers, collectors may ask their dealers for them.

We can report that some of the first flight covers of "Lot" Airlines of Poland are indeed gems. We have been in contact with many stamp collectors in Poland and find that airmails and first day covers are in good demand.

In fact, we are beginning to collect Polish FDC's ourselves, for we enjoy the historical tie-in of these elusive items. This is a field that is wide open for American collectors; they are inexpensive, with none of "tricks" of the trade used by some of the agencies.

We are especially pleased by one of the Polish three-value sets on FDC, a tribute to the Warsaw firemen which came out in 1957. This is but one of the fine official Polish FD covers. We hope soon to tell more about collectors and publica-

tions in Poland.

Both Japan and the U.S. issued "Friendship Stamps". We wish to thank the many Japanese collectors who are in contact with us. We are always proud to hear from our friends in Japan and the Ryukyus.

On September 22 a special cancel was used on the Royal Wedding souvenir sheet for the visit to the States of the Prince and Princess. The cancel, in brown shows two birds. Also, September 20 brought a stamp for the 40th anniversary of aviation in Japan. This 10 yen item shows a Henri Farman plane and a modern jet craft.

For the September 27 first day of the "Friendship with U.S.A." souvenir sheet a special cancel, showing the seal of the U.S., was in use at Tokyo.

For readers who have asked about the imperfs of Hungary we can report that we have contacted the Post Office Department in Hungary with no response to date. We see no reason to pay ten times face for this material and will NOT purchase any of these imperfs until we see them genuine, on cover, and ascertain that they are not "trick" stamps tailor-made for collectors.

In closing we wish to thank the collectors in Malaya who sent us first day covers of the Kuala Lumpur Rubber Research Conference in Malaya. Yes, they know of our efforts for a Goodyear commemorative issue. We came out for this stamp two years ago and we feel that Asia should know that an American did much to help their economy rise.

We think Malaya did a fine thing in honoring the rubber industry—what say, collectors in this country—why not contact the Rubber City Stamp Club with your views on a Goodyear stamp? It can be contacted by writing D. C. Butts, 293 Storer St., Akron 2, Ohio. We hope the U.S.A. honors Charles Goodyear, founder of the method of vulcanizing rubber, before he appears on a stamp of some other land. Let us give credit where credit is due.

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There is on the market today an airmail stamp that has the price of a rarity, yet it was never officially issued and was used only as a means to cheat many people. The famous "10 Sucres Vermilion Red" as it is known in philatelic lore in Ecuador, was one of the worst scandals ever known in this country. The true history of this famous swindle is as follows:

During the dictatorship of Dr. Isidro Ayora, airmail service was initiated with the first flights of SCADTA (Sociedad-Colombia-Alemana de Transportes Aereos).

In the original contract subscribed between the government of Ecuador and SCADTA were the clauses that the company would make stamps to cover the rates and the government of Ecuador would create special stamps to pay for the balance in local postal rates.



In November 1928 the government accordingly instructed the American Bank Note Co. to produce stamps in accord with the contract that would cover the postal rates of SCADTA in Ecuador.

Large numbers were made of the ordinary postal rates but only 2000 were ordered of the 10S. value for ordinary use and 1000 for official use. The company gave as code for the color to be used "P16 Red", in its nomenclature of colors.

The reason for this low number of high value stamps was that they were to be used in the future, in case any new airmail transportation company should come along after SCADTA. There was no immediate use for such a high value.

On November 30, 1928 there arrived in Guayaquil the "Fairchild 71" monoplane, license number NC-8039 with sedan type cabin of seven seats including the one of the pilot.

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During the flight of this plane an excellent photograph was made of it from the destroyer "Cotopaxi" by Dr. Francisco Andrade-Arbaiza, an amateur photographer. The photograph was given to Dr. Pedro Pablo Eguizábal who gave it to the dictator Ayora, and it served as the picture engraved on the first airmail stamps of Ecuador.

This plane of the Pan American Grace Airways Inc. came from Lima to try for a contract to be given by President Herbert Hoover, then in Ecuador a courtesy visit, and to impress him to with the company's efficiency in international flight.

On February 21, 1929 Ecuador made a contract with Pan American Grace Airways for the transpor-

tation of airmail starting their operations between Lima and Guayaquil.

On the following May 19 the first flight transporting mail between Ecuador and the United States was effected by the "new" Pan American Grace Airways Inc., from Guayaquil to Miami, carrying passengers and cargo. The first direct air mail to the States was transported by the company in stages Quayaquil-Buenaventura-Cristobal - Kingston-Habana-Miami, by Sikorsky amphibians and Martin Clipper "130" flying boats.

The airmail stamp issue had arrived in Quito April 25, yet the only legalized stamps for use then were the 2c to 1S. values. The others—the 5S. yellow and 10S. vermilion remained in reserve for future use. The 5S. was legalized afterwards by the decree No. 97 of May 6th, 1930, but not the vermilion — which by that time was no longer in existence!

What happened then to the "Vermilion Red" 10S. adhesives? The rate was too high for any transportation of airmail at the time; and the highest rate then was the 3S. SCADTA stamp. That was the reason the stamps were "held for future use".

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philatelist and an adviser to the Ministry of Finance, decided to buy the whole issue and retain it. They planned selling it afterwards with great profit and giving Ecuador a "rare" airmail item.

In order to give the stamp the appearance of legality of issue, a phony order (that never was accomplished) was made that some 419 examples had been sent to the Universal Postal Union of both the ordinary and the official stamps. Then the adhesives were acquired by the foreign diplomat (1000 ordinary and 300 official) and the enterprising Ministers. These two got 769 of the ordinary and 619 of the officials.

In addition in order to satisfy some friends who were collectors, 231 of the ordinary and 61 of the officials were sold in Quito, to COLLECTORS ONLY.

Some stamps were sent to Guayaquil and had postmarks put on them, to make a few resembling actually flown pieces. However, one can actually see the gum on the stamp, showing that it was never used. The "cancellation" is just the common philatelic strike done with well centered postmarks — very uncommon in a normal postal mark which is seldom well centered.

Once the activities of Pan American Grace Airways, Inc. got underway in Ecuador and the company started transporting mail in bulk, then the need arose for 10S. stamps — and none were to be found. Those once in existence had been very well manipulated.

Accordingly, in December 1929 a rush order was sent to the American Bank Note Co. for a new set of 10S. stamps. In the meantime the 5S. yellow was placed in use to pay for the 10S. rate established for air freight.

On February 6, 1930 the new supply arrived of the 10S. black (Scott No. C30) for ordinary use and the 10S. official, also black (No. CO12) in accord with the decree of May 6, 1930.

These two are the ONLY legal 10S. stamps, because neither the ordinary 10S. vermillion red (No. C15) nor the official (No. CO8) was legal or actually used. They were acquired for commercial use by the two enterprising Ministers of State and the foreign diplomat, without ever seeing actual use in the mails.

All the courtesy postmarks bear the date of July 29, 1929 when they were sent to Guayaquil to be postmarked, and to give the stamps the appearance of actual use in the transportation of the airmails.

The subsequent history of the stamps is interesting: Of the two Ministers of State, one died during the dictatorship of Dr. Isidro Ayora, the other about ten years ago. At his death a great deal of the stamps still remained with them and their heirs sold them for almost nothing!

The enterprising foreign diplomat took the stamps to Yokohama, Japan and in his travel a sheet was stolen. It appeared afterwards in the United States, to be sold in pieces by airmail specialists.

On his transfer to Italy, the foreign diplomat sold the rest of his sheets in Genoa, and they were sold in isolated pieces from Europe, a great deal of the stamps being returned and sold in Ecuador at a very high price.

The diplomat later went to Argentina. There, needing funds, he sold the rest of his stamps and now remains in oblivion. The stamps that were postmarked were sold by the heirs of one of the Ministers, at very low prices, because they said they were no good at all with the postmark!

The two 10S. adhesives can be considered as essays, but the issue has no proper philatelic value because it was manipulated and never saw actual mail service since the 10S. rate was too high for existing tariffs.

The Scott Catalogue lists the "Official Use" stamps as "Registration Stamps". That is not true, because they were intended for official business letters only.

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form official use. Surely, if used for registration they would have become more plentiful without the overprint than they actually are.

The philatelic scandal of the "vermillion reds" was world-wide and it gave Ecuadorian airmail stamps a bad start with collectors. But as time went by and the silent cover of forgetfulness has engulfed this scandal, these adhesives have been sold in auctions and in special sales as "rarities".

The fact is that they are not as valuable as the 10S. black (No. C30) which is very scarce in mint condition, because only 15,000 were ordered and used in almost ten years. Thus the really valuable and legal stamp is this one and not the "vermillion red" that is only an essay and never sold over the counter or actually used at all.

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RASCALS
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of speculators, who had previous experience in cooperating with certain post office personnel in these speculative issues, had been reinforced by a newly recruited band of special speculators for this particular issue.

The way these non-philatelist and non-dealer gentlemen operate is to present themselves as "dealers" and to be allocated from 100 to 350 sets each, as dealers. They are not on the regular dealers' list, with standing orders for new issues, because they are not interested in anything but speculative issues. They are, however, "recognized" as "dealers" on these special occasions by post office personnel and allowed to make these purchases under certain conditions.

Let's see how they operate.

Joe Shoemaker's Big Deal — Big-time dealer Joe Shoemaker, who is slightly literate (mostly with figures) and whose knowledge of stamps is similar to Sherpa Tenzing's familiarity with the inside of an atomic bomb, has presented himself in an official's office, been duly certified to purchase 350 sets at face (.75 piasters, or 25c U.S. per set).

By waving what looks like an official paper and muttering something about having to enter the stamp-distribution office on "urgent official business" he has chiseled in ahead of irate collector John Doe, who has been in line for a few hours, and secured his "stock".

In due course he is approached by sad-faced dealer Tom Nostock who is trying to supply 1500 sets to a New York wholesaler under threat of termination of all standing orders if this one is not filled.

"I am prepared to pay 750p. a set," begins Tom, hoping that ten times face (a profit of \$787.50) for Joe's quarter-hour of strenuous work, will sound attractive.

"That was yesterday, November seventh," says Joe. "Today is November 8. All the big dealers' stocks are finished. I am ready to offer you (he opens his briefcase and lets Tom view the complete sheets) more than a third of the quota which the post office allowed the biggest dealer in Beirut of these rare stamps. All for you, and for only 1000p. per set."

Tom groans, but he has to face up to the facts. He has just been held up by Jim Hamsnatcher, a mere "satchel dealer" among the speculators, to the tune of 1050p. per set, for 100 sets, so Joe is really doing him a favor.

\$1015 Profit from \$87.50 — The stamps change hands, as Joe makes a lightning calculation concerning exactly how much of the \$1015 cool profit out of his \$87.50 investment is his to keep and how much must be forked over to a certain contact who graciously facilitated this profitable 20-minute interlude in an otherwise dull day.

But whatever the percentage, Joe is happy. Since he can't conveniently repeat the process himself, he has no reticence about crowding over the easy killing. The news spreads outside the post office.

"Hey, Chuck. Did you hear that? All you have to be is some kind of a stamp-collecting nut, you go in the PO and pay 300p. for eight funny kind of stamps and you can sell them right here to these other nuts for 4000p. the next minute."

To the select swarm of speculators milling around among the long-suffering ordinary collectors is now added a new mob from the street shouting "We are collectors! Where are our stamps?"

The newcomers are not exactly polite and they are no respecters of lines. The collectors react in kind and the speculators take ad-

vantage of the mele to chisel in at the head of the line. Soon the situation gets out of hand and red-faced officials telephone the Police Department for help.

Brigade 16 Riot Squad Arrives — Tough, hard-hitting Brigade 16 arrives, red berets, parachute boots, tommy-guns and all. They are used to breaking up riots, and this one is no exception.

The riot took place on the ninth. On the tenth this writer ventured onto the scene, having failed in two previous sessions to get within yards of the holy of holies where the "permits" were awarded to individuals with more time on their hands than he had.

The battleground was strangely silent. In fact, the PO was back to normal again. A frustrated-looking but bona fide dealer, with 2000 sets in stock and 5000 orders to fill with them, was gloomily surveying the scene.

"Where do I apply to buy a few sets of the Refugee semipostals?" I asked, feigning innocence.

"Why didn't you come the past few days?" he asked.

"I did."

"What happened?"

"You tell me."

"Ah, I see. Well, it's too late now. Their excellencies have pontificated to the effect that 14,000 sets — the entire amount earmarked for Post Office sale — have now been fairly distributed and that's it."

"Quit kidding me. You export dealers got 8000. Maybe another 14,000 went out here in the past four days; that makes 22,000. Where are the other 6,000?"

"3000 are being sent to the UPU in Berne and another 3000 reserved for emergencies and for high officials of the government who may care to purchase a few as souvenirs," he replied.

"OK. So that leaves 3000 sets here. I only want three or four. What now?"

"I'll take you to the Director-General. You've got to have your rights."

It's Finished! — No Director-General, the stamp-distribution office, now easily accessible, expressed its regrets. "It's finished."

"What, exactly, is really going to happen to the rest of the sets?" I asked the dealer.

"Additional speculators, being recognized as 'dealers,' may get a lot of them in 'emergencies' just as they did most of the 14,000," he replied.

"What effect is this having on the price?"

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The price is 80c U. S. per title, from the publishers at 84-86 Galerie Beaujolais, Palais Royal, Paris 1, France. The firm will supply the names of agents abroad on request.

Additional Pages For Reference Book

New information will be included in the original "U. S. Postal Markings 1851-61" book sponsored by The U. S. 1851-60 Unit (American Philatelic Society Unit No. 11). Five addenda sheets have been issued since publication, reporting additional items from contributors as well as minor text corrections. The sheets are printed on one side and in type to match that of the book. Thus individual references may be clipped and pasted in the margin of the book.

Members of The U.S. 1851-60 Unit receive these addenda without charge. Others may obtain them by remitting 10c each to the author, Tracy W. Simpson, 66 Alvarado Road, Berkeley 5, California.

The book and accompanying pricing pamphlet plus all issued addenda are available for \$6.50 from Mr. Simpson as above.

Dr. Reiner-Deutsch Held Over By Nassau-Suffolk

At the November meeting of the delegates the following were elected to serve as 1961 officers of the Nassau-Suffolk Philatelic Alliance: President, Dr. William Reiner-Deutsch; vice presidents, Martin Galasieski, Rudolph Szabados, and Helene Dowd; corresponding secretary, John T. Conquest; recording secretary, Edna DeHart; and treasurer, William Russell.

The NSPA is composed of 19 active stamp groups in the area. It serves to coordinate their activities, and sponsors a large philatelic event each year. Membership details will be supplied on request to the group at Box 192, Hempstead, N. Y.

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Nov. 22-Dec. 4—Slater Stamp Club, Slater Mill Museum, Pawtucket, R.I.
Dec. 3-4—Worthington Coin and Stamp Club, Worthington Elementary Gym, 50 E. Granville Rd., Worthington, Ohio.
Dec. 4—Ferndale Stamp Club, Lincoln Jr. High School, Ferndale, Mich.
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Mexican Revolution Issue In Installments

The Philatelic Society of Mexico has reported that the scheduled nine-value set commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Mexican Revolution of 1910 has encountered production difficulties, and that only a single value was released on the proposed November 20 day of issue.



The remaining eight denominations will appear as soon as production and servicing arrangements can be completed, and Jack M. Verrey of the Society states that all orders for first day covers will be serviced when the remaining adhesives are released.

The 10c item which appeared the 20th is approximately 40 x 58mm perf to perf, in multicolor. It notes agrarian reform, and depicts a farm scene in multicolor.

No Medallion Cancels At Garibaldi Release

First day cover collectors have noticed that the usual pictorial style cancellation was not employed at the November 2 release of the Garibaldi 4c and 8c "Champion of Liberty" stamps at Washington, D. C.

As previously described in news releases (Linn's, October 31) the medallion portion was to show a map of Italy and "CENTENARY / ITALIAN / UNIFICATION". At the last minute, however, it was noted that the map was not complete—Sicily had been omitted—and the dies were withdrawn. It is understood that no medallion cancellations were applied.

New Officers And Quiz Program At Minneapolis

Newly elected officers will be in the chairs when the Minnehaha Stamp Club holds its December 9 meeting at Pillsbury-Citizens Service, 320 16th Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

They are Roy Ristrum, president; Roy Hansen and Ron Johnson, vice presidents; Mrs. C. C. Hansen, treasurer, and Mrs. Violet Gray Sundeen, secretary.

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News From New African Nations

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Ghana each year for the past three has issued commemoratives in tribute to the United Nations. The 1958 set marked UN Day; 1959, the UN Trusteeship Council. This year December 10 will bring a trio noting Human Rights Day.

Values of 3d, 6d and 1/3 will follow closely the UN style of design, with the UN emblem on each and in addition the Star of Ghana on the low value and the flame of Human Rights on the 6d.

Printing is being done in multi-color photogravure by Harrison and Sons, London in sheets of 30 subjects. Designers are Willie Wind, 3d, and Michael Goaman, 6d and 1/3.



In Somalia November 24 brought the two previously announced sets for Children's Day and the Olympic Games. The former consists of 10c, child drawing picture of giraffe; 15c zebra; 25c rhinoceros; and 3 Somala, leopard.

Also of four values, the Games offering shows the Somalia Flag on the 5c and runners on the other three — 10c, 45c and 1.80S. The 45c and 1.80S are airmails.

Togo's UN Anniversary set serves the double duty of noting that body's 15th anniversary and of marking the nation's admission to the organization. Values are 30 and 50c, 1, 10, 25, and 30 francs, after a common design by M. Shamir. Printing is by De La Rue, with "late November" release scheduled.

Goodkind At France And Colonies Group

The France and Colonies Group has announced that the speaker at its next meeting will be Henry M. Goodkind, editor of The Collectors Club Philatelist and Aero Philatelist Annals. He is also the author of the "RF Overprints on Air Mail", a publication of the Steinway Memorial Publication Fund of The Collectors Club.

Mr. Goodkind will show and discuss what is probably the most extensive collection of the RF overprints now in existence.

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DIE TWO

Edward Cardon of Daytona Beach, Fla., has a 2c "Die 2" U-1 style precancel from Grand Rapids, Mich., and another "Die 2" also on a U-9 style from Waterbury, Conn. He wants to know their status.

Well, first off I would say the Grand Rapids U-1 is a U-3. Grand Rapids never used a U-1. U-3 looks like U-1 but is much smaller. On the Waterbury the type is right.

About "Die 2" items: only in Bureau prints are these given any attention and then many collectors pass them up. Both of the above mentioned items are locals, so outside of a few specialists there is little interest in plate varieties of any U.S. precancel except by a very few.

Remember the shift in the 30c Bison some years back? Many a stamp I looked at for collectors, for the double impression, but I have yet to meet the first person who collects the things! There just seems to be far too much in Precancels to go after to mess around with plate varieties.

It has been my observation that when a Bureau collector has pretty well filled up his small B-11 (B-13) type Bureaus he might start hunting those "Die 2" items he needs.

There are six of them in the Whiteborough album with illustrations showing the collector how to identify the retouched die. Whether any additional values have been found I don't know right now. We sure can find out if enough are interested.

CORRECTED PLATE

While on the subject, and while looking in the old Whiteborough album I came across this variety that still can be found if you search hard enough. Anyone who knows much about Bureaus knows about

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Well, after these were found and publicized the Department simply corrected that plate. In so doing it made an odd looking "L" in place of the wrong "K" that had been there. On some the horizontal stroke is longer; on others it seems to sag downward.

I have copies on the 1½c, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c, and 1½c FF. The vertical stroke is also longer than on the originals.

There still is another variety on this plate showing more space between "W" and "A" of "Milwaukee" than in most of the other subjects. The catalog does not mention just how often this occurs in the plate.

Noble says they are worth five times regular catalog prices. Gunesch-Coda has a price on each, as well as the repaired "L" and also adds a shift in the "W" of "WIS." which I have never tried to find. If you like this kind of thing there is plenty to hunt in Bureaus.

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